

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-20, 24-31, 35-41 and 45-47 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-17, 19, 20, 26-28, 30, 35-39 and 45 have been allowed; claims 21-23, 32-34, 42-44 and 48-50 have been withdrawn from consideration; and claims 18, 24, 25, 29, 31, 40, 41, 46 and 47 have been rejected.

Applicant notes with appreciation the acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received. Applicant also notes that the drawings filed on June 28, 2004 have been accepted.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-17, 19, 20, 26-28, 30, 35-39 and 45 have been allowed. By this Amendment, applicant has canceled all claims withdrawn from consideration and all claims rejected. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, only the allowed claims remain pending in the application.

CONCLUSION

For the preceding reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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